

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

6 February 1958

### **Establishment of Special Committee on Astronautical and Space Exploration**

**RESOLVED, That there is hereby established a special committee which is authorized and directed to conduct a thorough and complete study and investigation with respect to all aspects and problems relating to the exploration of outer space and the control, development, and use of astronautical resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities. All bills and resolutions introduced in the Senate, and all bills and resolutions from the House of Representatives, proposing legislation in the field of astronautics and space exploration shall be referred, and if necessary rereferred, to the special committee. The special committee is authorized and directed to report to the Senate by June 1, 1958, or the earliest practical date thereafter, but not later than January 31, 1959, by bill or otherwise, with recommendations upon any matters covered by this resolution.**

**Sec. 2. (a) The special committee shall consist of 13 members, 7 from the majority and 6 from the minority Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Vice President from the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Government Operations, and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. At its first meeting, to be called by the Vice President, the special committee**

shall select a chairman.

(b) Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Sec. 3. For the purposes of this resolution the special committee is authorized as it may deem necessary and appropriate to (1) make such expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate; (2) hold such hearings; (3) sit and act at such times and places during the sessions, recesses, and adjournment periods of the Senate; (4) require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and production of such correspondence, books, papers and documents; (5) administer such oaths; (6) take such testimony, either orally or by deposition; (7) employ on a temporary basis such technical, clerical, and other assistants and consultants; and (8) with the prior consent of the executive department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, employ on a reimbursable basis such executive branch personnel as it deems advisable; and further with the consent of other committees or subcommittees, to work on conjunction with and utilize their staffs, as it shall be deemed necessary and appropriate in the judgment of the chairman of the special committee.

Sec. 4. Under the filing of its final report, the special committee shall cease to exist.

Sec. 5. The expenditures authorized by this resolution shall not exceed \$50,000 and shall be paid upon vouchers signed by the chairman of the special committee.